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Eau Claire Transit Commission Minutes

Wednesday, June 19, 2019

Call to Order at 6:01 p.m.

- 1. Call for Public Comment for items not on the agenda
 - a. Larry Larson spoke on the topic of Sunday bus service.
- 2. Roll Call
- a. Members Present: Bob Schraufnagel, Jeremy Gragert, Elizabeth Sullivan, Rose Fowler, Josh Clements, Georgia Eaton
- **b.** Members Absent: Jackie Pavelski, Cheryal Keisler
- c. Staff Present: Tom Wagener, Amber Willi, Kyle Herman
- d. Others Present: Larry Larson, Mark Quam
- 3. Approval of the Minutes for the regular meeting on **May 15**, **2019**.
 - a. Commissioner Clements made a motion to approve the minutes as recorded. Council Member Gragert seconded. All votes in favor, motion passed.

Business Agenda

- 4. Discuss and Consider recommending the Transit Section of the CIP to city council. (Tom Wagener)
 - a. Brief explanation by Transit Manager Wagener of each of the CIP items relating to Transit services.
 - i. Brief discussion on the Bus Stop Shelters item of the CIP.
 - ii. Council Member Gragert asked if the bus listed in the CIP for replacement in 2020 is scheduled to be a Diesel or Hybrid.
 - Transit Manager Wagener clarified that it is listed in the CIP budget as a diesel bus, but if the State of Wisconsin provides another round of VW Settlement Funds, a hybrid bus would be possible instead.
 - iii. Council Member Gragert proposed that a Transfer/Transit Center to be located at the UW-EC Campus be included in future CIP budget years.
 - b. Motion/Resolution
 - i. Motion by Commission Sullivan, seconded by Commissioner Eaton. All votes in favor, motion approved.

Discussion Agenda

- 5. Discuss expectations for involvement with the Transfer Center Project.
 - a. Brief overview by Transit Manager Wagener on expectations of and for LHB
 - Chair Schraufnagel suggested that the Transit Commission have a chance to weigh in before public hearings. Commissioner Clements also reiterated that sentiment.
 - ii. Commissioner Clements briefly discussed the Carbon Neutrality goal for the City of Eau Claire and how the new transfer center may contribute to that goal.
 - iii. Brief discussion by the Commission on the possible timeline for the public input portion of the project.

Staff Reports

- 6. Presentation of the Ridership and Revenue Reports. (Tom Wagener)
 - a. Presented by Transit Manager Wagener
- 7. Manager's Report (Tom Wagener)
 - a. Presented by Transit Manager Wagener
 - i. Summary of Income Qualifying Fare usage.
 - 1. Public comment by Larry Larson to request that Transit Commissioners encourage businesses to purchase bus passes for their employees.
 - ii. Update on Autonomous Vehicle Study
 - iii. Update on the Transit Development Plan
 - iv. Update on Budget process for City and State
 - v. Update on assignments to the commission
- 8. Motion to adjourn by Commissioner Sullivan, seconded by Council Member Gragert. All votes in favor, meeting adjourned at 7:25 p.m.